



## **Marion County Fatal Alcohol Crash Team (F.A.C.T.)**

***FACT Coordinator: Lt. George Crooks***  
***FACT Prosecutor: Edward Zych***

Marion County has created a specialized team of law enforcement officers trained to combat the impaired driver who either kills or seriously injures another due to his or her impairment. The Fatal Alcohol Crash Team (MC FACT) was the first known multi-agency program of its kind in the United States. The purpose of the MC FACT team is to investigate all alcohol and drug related serious bodily injury crashes and fatal crashes in Marion County. Additionally, all crashes involving a driver that flees the scene and that involves serious bodily injury or a death are investigated by the MC FACT team since statistically those crashes involve impaired drivers.

The Marion County Fatal Alcohol Crash Team, with the support of the Marion County Prosecutors' Office, continues to stay in the forefront of criminal investigations involving DUI related fatalities and serious bodily injury cases in Marion County. Since the Team's inception, no evidence collected by FACT members has been suppressed in any cases.

## **News**

MC FACT was chosen as one of only four teams in the nation to participate in a study sponsored by National Highway Traffic Safety Administration titled Working to Increase DWI Conviction Rates. This study, which is being conducted by Dynamic Sciences, Inc, will be a guide for Law Enforcement who want to start their own teams. FACT will be recognized nationally for its participation in this report.

Lt. Crooks and Deputy Prosecutor Ed Zych met with Joseph Kausch and Ann Rossi, representatives of Dynamic Sciences, for three days, September 11, 12 and 13, 2006. Mr. Kausch and Mrs. Rossi also met with several individuals throughout Marion County that either assisted in the formation of MC FACT or who presently are associated with MC FACT cases. Some of these individuals include: Don Bickel - Marion County Traffic Safety Partnership

Dr. Dean Hawley –Director of Pathology, Clarion Hospitals, Daniel Jefferies: Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, Dr. Steven Radiant: Forensic Pathologist, and MC FACT members.

## **Public Information and Education**



The Marion County Fatal Alcohol Crash Team participates in community events throughout the year including, Washington Township Safety Days Mock Crash, the Marion County Traffic Safety Partnership Teen Driving Program and the Marion County Fair

## **Contact Information**

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